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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

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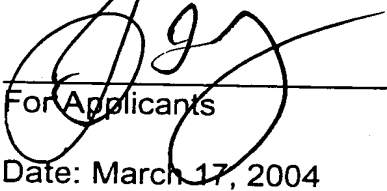
German Examination report dated February 13, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,



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